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SUBJECT: UN FINANCES: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNIFIL

REF: BEIRUT 1991 (NOTAL)

1. USUN CONTACTED COUNSELOR SAGHIYYAH OF LEBANESE MISSION
AND BRIEFED HIM ON SUBSTANCE PARA 1 REFTEL. SAGHIYYAH
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DID NOT INDICATE PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF DAHDAH'S DEMARCHES,
NOR DID HE INDICATE THAT LEBANESE MISSION NEW YORK HAS
UNDERTAKEN PARALLEL APPROACHES HERE.

2. SAGHIYYAH SAID HE HAD HAD CONVERSATION WITH TALIEH
(IRAN), PROSPECTIVE CHAIRMAN FIFTH COMMITTEE AT UP-COMING
SPECIAL SESSION. SAGHIYYAH TOLD TALIEH LEBANESE WANT

"PURELY FORMAL MEETING TO CONSECRATE DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN WITH REGARD TO ESTABLISHMENT UNIFIL." SAGHIYYAH SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO PREDICT TO TALIEH WHETHER OR NOT A POLITICAL DEBATE WOULD DEVELOP AT 8TH SPECIAL SESSION, BUT EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE THAT LEBANESE DELEGATION WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A "POSITIVE" STATEMENT. PRIME CONDITION FOR SUCH STATEMENT, SAGHIYYAH CONTINUED, WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF IDF FROM SOUTH LEBANON.

3. MISOFF POINTED OUT TO SAGHIYYAH THAT INDIAN AMBASSADOR JAIPAL HAS NOW TWICE STATED IN SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS THAT THERE MAY BE NEGATIVE VOTES ON REQUESTS FOR UNIFIL FINANCING AND APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS IF IDF NOT OUT OF SOUTH LEBANON BY TIME OF SPECIAL SESSION. MISOFF OBSERVED THAT THIS SORT OF TALK DEFINITELY DAMAGES LEBANON'S INTERESTS, SINCE HOLDING UNIFIL FINANCING HOSTAGE TO WITHDRAWAL OF THE IDF CONTRIBUTES TO THE OPPOSITE RESULT. MOREOVER, USUN POINTED OUT TO SAGHIYYAH, THOSE WHO VOTE AGAINST UNIFIL BUDGET WILL LATER MORE EASILY FIND GROUNDS TO WITHHOLD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM IT, THUS THREATENING INTEGRITY OF THE FORCE.

4. USUN BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF LEBANESE REITERATED TO SOCIALIST BLOC COUNTRIES, SYRIA, EGYPT, JORDAN, CONSERVATIVE ARAB STATES, AND OTHER KEY THIRD WORLD NATIONS IN BEIRUT, HERE AND IN CAPITALS THAT LEBANON
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(A) WELCOMES UNIFIL;

(B) DESIRES UNIFIL TO BE AN EFFECTIVE FORCE;

(C) REGARDS SMOOTH ADOPTION OF THE SYG'S BUDGET REQUEST FOR UNIFIL AND APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS ALONG CUSTOMARY LINES ESSENTIAL TO THE REALIZATION OF (A) AND (B) ABOVE; AND

(D) REQUESTS ITS FRIENDS SUPPORT SPEEDY ACTION ON BOTH ITEMS AND TO VOTE POSITIVELY ON THEM. LEONARD

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